

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION
A DIGEST OF INFORMATION COMPILED
FROM REPORTS OF HUNTING ACCIDENTS
1969

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CASUALTY

Fatal	
Self-Inflicted	9
Inflicted by others	19
Non-Fatal	
Self-Inflicted	120
Inflicted by others	331

AGES OF VICTIMS

Under 12 years of age	11
12 to 15 years of age	66
16 to 20 years of age	95
21 years of age and over	306
Age not reported	1

SPORTING ARM USED

Shotgun	Fatal	Non-Fatal	
Self-Inflicted	2	51	53
Inflicted by others	4	276	280
Rifle			
Self-Inflicted	7	32	39
Inflicted by others	14	49	63
Revolvers			
Self-Inflicted	0	26	26
Inflicted by others	1	3	4
Bow and Arrow			
Self-Inflicted	0	11	11
Inflicted by others	0	3	3

AGES OF PERSONS INFLICTING INJURY

12 to 15 years of age	41
16 to 20 years of age	52
21 years of age and over	138
Age not reported	119

CASUALTY CAUSES

Sporting Arm in dangerous position ...	22
Accidental discharge	111
Ricochet or stray	61
Victim in line of fire	222
Hunter slipped and/or fell	22
Hunter dropped sporting arm	7
Shot in mistake for game	24
Sporting arm defective	9
Using sporting arm as club	1

BIRD OR ANIMAL HUNTED

Upland Small Game	4	339	343
Deer	14	72	86
Bear	0	2	2
Woodchuck	4	23	27
Others	6	15	21

PLACE OF ACCIDENT

Fields	130
Brush	118
Open Woodland	80
Dense Woodland	104
Water	5
Conveyance	3
Camp	12
Woods Road or Public Highway	27

SAFETY COLOR WORN BY VICTIMS

Fluorescent Orange	75
Red	211
Yellow	17
None	176

SUMMARY OF ALL CLASSES OF 1969 SHOOTING CASUALTIES

<u>FATAL</u>	28	<u>NON-FATAL</u>	451	<u>TOTAL</u>	479
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1969 HUNTING CASUALTIES COMPARED WITH PREVIOUS TEN-YEAR PERIOD

	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	TOTAL	10 YR.AVG.	1969
FATAL	17	27	23	16	18	17	30	15	24	25	212(A)	21.2	28
NON-FATAL	496	525	454	435	341	412	492	471	456	505	4587(B)	458.7	451

(A) Of this total 26.9 were self-inflicted and 73.1 inflicted by others.

(B) Of this total 23.9 were self-inflicted and 76.1 inflicted by others.

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CASUALTY

Fatal	
Self-Inflicted	6
Inflicted by others	17
Non-Fatal	
Self-Inflicted	104
Inflicted by others	328

SPORTING ARM USED

Shotgun	Fatal	Non-Fatal	
Self-Inflicted	5	38	43
Inflicted by others	5	274	279
Rifle			
Self-Inflicted	1	38	39
Inflicted by others	12	50	62
Revolvers			
Self-Inflicted	0	10	10
Inflicted by others	1	0	1
Bow and Arrow			
Self-Inflicted	0	18	18
Inflicted by others	0	3	3

BIRD OR ANIMAL HUNTED

Upland Small Game	9	301	310
Deer	8	74	82
Bear	0	0	0
Woodchuck	5	29	34
Others	1	28	29

SAFETY COLOR WORN BY VICTIMS

Fluorescent Orange	88
Red	193
Yellow	19
None	155

AGES OF VICTIMS

Under 12 years of age	4
12 to 15 years of age	53
16 to 20 years of age	98
21 years of age and over	297
Age not reported	3

AGES OF PERSONS INFLICTING INJURY

12 to 15 years of age	38
16 to 20 years of age	55
21 years of age and over	145
Age not reported	107

CASUALTY CAUSES

Sporting Arm in dangerous position ...	17
Accidental Discharge	112
Ricochet or stray	60
Victim in line of fire	217
Hunter slipped and/or fell	9
Hunter dropped sporting arm	13
Shot in mistake for game	21
Sporting arm defective	6
Using sporting arm as club	0

PLACE OF ACCIDENT


Fields	120
Brush	99
Open Woodland	82
Dense Woodland	99
Water	6
Conveyance	11
Camp	5
Wood Road or Public Highway	33

SUMMARY OF ALL CLASSES OF 1970 HUNTING ACCIDENTS

FATAL.....23..... NON-FATAL.....432..... TOTAL.....455.....

SUMMARY OF SAFETY COLOR WORN BY VICTIMS

	F	I	O	Y.	R.	N.
Victim mistaken for game.....	0	2	7	12		
Victim not seen by offender.....	0	3	63	67		
Color not factor in hunting accident....	88	14	123	76		



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CASUALTY

Fatal	
Self-Inflicted	4
Inflicted by others	18
Non-Fatal	
Self-Inflicted	76
Inflicted by others	297

AGES OF VICTIMS

Under 12 years of age	5
12 to 15 years of age	60
16 to 20 years of age	100
21 years of age and over	226
Age not reported	4

SPORTING ARM USED

Shotgun	Fatal	Non-Fatal	
Self-Inflicted	1	24	25
Inflicted by others	6	257	263
Rifle			
Self-Inflicted	2	22	24
Inflicted by others	12	40	52
Revolvers			
Self-Inflicted	0	15	15
Inflicted by others	0	0	0
Bow and Arrow			
Self-Inflicted	1	15	16
Inflicted by others	0	0	0

AGES OF PERSONS INFLICTING INJURY

12 to 15 years of age	39
16 to 20 years of age	60
21 years of age and over	125
Age not reported	91

CASUALTY CAUSES

Sporting Arm in dangerous position	16
Accidental Discharge	74
Richochet or stray	75
Victim in line of fire	173
Hunter slipped and/or fell	24
Hunter dropped sporting arm	8
Shot in mistake for game	20
Sporting arm defective	5
Using sporting arm as club	0

BIRD OR ANIMAL HUNTED

Upland Small Game	10	275	285
Deer	6	60	66
Bear	0	1	1
Woodchuck	5	16	21
Others	1	21	22

PLACE OF ACCIDENT

Fields	104
Brush	100
Open Woodland	60
Dense Woodland	87
Water	4
Conveyance	8
Camp	2
Wood Road or Public Highway	30

SAFETY COLOR WORN BY VICTIMS

Fluorescent Orange	93
Red	162
Yellow	9
None	131

SUMMARY OF ALL CLASSES OF 1971 HUNTING ACCIDENTS

<u>FATAL</u>	22	<u>NON-FATAL</u>	373	<u>TOTAL</u>	395
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SUMMARY OF SAFETY COLOR WORN BY VICTIMS

	F1.	O.	Y.	R.	N.
Victim mistaken for game	0	1	7	12	
Victim not seen by offender	0	0	71	79	
Color not factor in hunting accident	93	8	84	40	

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CASUALTY

Fatal	
Self-Inflicted	4
Inflicted by others.	15
Non-Fatal	
Self-Inflicted	69
Inflicted by others.	241

AGES OF VICTIMS

Under 12 years of age	5
12 to 15 years of age	45
16 to 20 years of age	83
21 years of age and over.	194
Age not reported.	2

SPORTING ARM USED

Shotgun	Fatal	Non-Fatal	
Self-Inflicted.	3	25	28
Inflicted by others	4	206	210
Rifle			
Self-Inflicted.	1	24	25
Inflicted by others	11	31	42
Revolvers			
Self-Inflicted.	0	10	10
Inflicted by others	0	2	2
Bow and Arrow			
Self-Inflicted.	0	10	10
Inflicted by others	0	2	2

AGES OF PERSONS INFLICTING INJURY

12 to 15 years of age	39
16 to 20 years of age	48
21 years of age and over.	111
Age not reported.	58

CASUALTY CAUSES

Sporting Arm in dangerous position	13
Accidental Discharge.	69
Richochet or stray.	120
Victim in line of fire.	76
Hunter slipped and/or fell.	18
Hunter dropped sporting arm	2
Shot in mistake for game.	25
Sporting arm defective.	6
Using sporting arm as a club.	0

BIRD OR ANIMAL HUNTED

Upland Small Game.	6	233	239
Deer	11	48	59
Bear	0	2	2
Woodchuck.	1	12	13
Others	1	15	16

PLACE OF ACCIDENT

Fields.	88
Brush	69
Open Woodland	59
Dense Woodland.	66
Water	3
Conveyance.	6
Camp.	5
Wood Road or Public Highway	33

SAFETY COLOR WORN BY VICTIMS

Fluorescent Orange	74
Red.	133
Yellow	13
None	109

SUMMARY OF ALL CLASSES OF 1972 HUNTING ACCIDENTS

<u>FATAL.</u>	19	<u>NON-FATAL.</u>	310	<u>TOTAL.</u>	329
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SUMMARY OF SAFETY COLOR WORN BY VICTIMS

	F1.	O.	Y.	R.	N.
Victim mistaken for game.	0	0	6	19	
Victim not seen by offender	2	4	68	56	
Color not factor in hunting accident.	72	9	59	34	

NOTE: Existing shooting hours did not contribute to hunting accidents. Our records show that 259 accidents occurred between 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Of the remaining 70 that took place before or after these hours, light was not a factor in 46, and 24 were self-inflicted.

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CASUALTY

AGES OF VICTIMS

Fatal		
Self-Inflicted	3	Under 12 years of age 4
Inflicted by others.	16	12 to 15 years of age 54
Non-Fatal		16 to 20 years of age 73
Self-Inflicted	96	21 years of age and over. 221
Inflicted by others.	239	Age not reported. 2

SPORTING ARM USED

AGES OF PERSONS INFLICTING INJURY

Shotgun	Fatal	Non-Fatal		12 to 15 years of age 32
Self-Inflicted	1	27	28	16 to 20 years of age 46
Inflicted by others.	4	194	198	21 years of age and over. 97
Rifle				Age not reported. 80
Self-Inflicted	2	33	35	
Inflicted by others.	12	37	49	
Revolvers				
Self-Inflicted	0	22	22	
Inflicted by others.	0	5	5	
Bow and Arrow				
Self-Inflicted	0	14	14	
Inflicted by others.	0	3	3	

CASUALTY CAUSES

Sporting arm in dangerous position	22
Accidental Discharge.	68
Richochet or stray.	85
Victim in line of fire.	116
Hunter slipped and/or fell.	36
Hunter dropped sporting arm	4
Shot in mistake for game.	22
Sporting arm defective.	1
Using sporting arm as a club.	0

BIRD OR ANIMAL HUNTED

PLACE OF ACCIDENT

Upland Small Game.	7	236	243	Fields.	86
Deer	9	76	85	Brush	72
Bear	1	2	3	Open Woodland	65
Woodchuck.	2	16	18	Dense Woodland.	86
Others	0	5	5	Water	6

SAFETY COLOR WORN BY VICTIMS

Fluorescent Orange	108	Conveyance.	1
Red.	117	Camp.	9
Yellow	11	Wood Road or Public Highway	29
None	118		

SUMMARY OF ALL CLASSES OF 1973 HUNTING ACCIDENTS

<u>FATAL.</u>	19	<u>NON-FATAL.</u>	335	<u>TOTAL.</u>	354
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SUMMARY OF SAFETY COLOR WORN BY VICTIMS

	Fl.	O.	Y.	R.	N.
Victim mistaken for game.	0	0	4	18	
Victim not seen by offender	0	2	25	31	
Color not factor in hunting accident.	108	9	88	69	

NOTE: Existing shooting hours did not contribute to hunting accidents. Our records show that 286 accidents occurred between 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Of the remaining 68 that took place before or after these hours, light was not a factor in 40, and 28 were self-inflicted.

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CASUALTY

Fatal	
Self-Inflicted	4
Inflicted by others.	19
Non-Fatal	
Self-Inflicted	78
Inflicted by others.	248

AGES OF VICTIMS

Under 12 years of age	5
12 to 15 years of age	48
16 to 20 years of age	86
21 years of age and over.	207
Age not reported.	3

SPORTING ARM USED

Shotgun	Fatal	Non-Fatal	
Self-Inflicted	3	31	34
Inflicted by others.	4	196	200
Rifle			
Self-Inflicted	1	23	24
Inflicted by others.	15	50	65
Revolvers			
Self-Inflicted	0	14	14
Inflicted by others.	0	1	1
Bow and Arrow			
Self-Inflicted	0	10	10
Inflicted by others.	0	1	1

AGES OF PERSONS INFLECTING INJURY

12 to 15 years of age	31
16 to 20 years of age	49
21 years of age and over.	123
Age not reported.	64

CASUALTY CAUSES

Sporting arm in dangerous position	22
Accidental Discharge.	61
Richochet or stray.	101
Victim in line of fire.	95
Hunter slipped and/or fell.	23
Hunter dropped sporting arm	2
Shot in mistake for game.	35
Sporting arm defective.	9
Using sporting arm as a club.	1

BIRD OR ANIMAL HUNTED

Upland Small Game.	9	249	258
Deer	10	57	67
Bear	0	0	0
Woodchuck.	3	14	17
Others	1	6	7

PLACE OF ACCIDENT

Fields.	81
Brush	90
Open Woodland	75
Dense Woodland.	69
Water	0
Conveyance.	2
Camp.	5
Wood Road or Public Highway	27

SAFETY COLOR WORN BY VICTIMS

Fluorescent Orange	115
Red.	119
Yellow	6
None	109

SUMMARY OF ALL CLASSES OF 1974 HUNTING ACCIDENTS

<u>FATAL.</u>	23	<u>NON-FATAL.</u>	326	<u>TOTAL.</u>	349
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SUMMARY OF SAFETY COLOR WORN BY VICTIMS

	Fl.	O.	Y.	R.	N.
Victim mistaken for game.	1	1	4	29	
Victim not seen by offender	0	3	45	52	
Color not factor in hunting accident.	114	2	70	28	

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CASUALTY

Fatal	
Self-Inflicted.....	3
Inflicted by others.....	11
Non-Fatal	
Self-Inflicted.....	60
Inflicted by others.....	257

AGES OF VICTIMS

Under 12 years of age.....	4
12 to 15 years of age.....	46
16 to 20 years of age.....	66
21 years of age and over.....	214
Age not reported.....	1

SPORTING ARM USED

Shotgun	F	N-F	
Self-Inflicted.....	2	14	16
Inflicted by others...	7	203	210
Rifle			
Self-Inflicted.....	1	30	31
Inflicted by others...	4	49	53
Revolvers			
Self-Inflicted.....	0	16	16
Inflicted by others...	0	2	2
Bow and Arrow			
Self-Inflicted.....	0	0	0
Inflicted by others...	0	3	3

AGES OF PERSONS INFLICTING INJURY

12 to 15 years of age.....	29
16 to 20 years of age.....	34
21 years of age and over.....	133
Age not reported.....	72

CASUALTY CAUSES

Sporting arm dangerous position...	10
Accidental discharge.....	49
Richochet or stray.....	101
Victim in line of fire.....	98
Hunter slipped and/or fell.....	27
Hunter dropped sporting arm.....	4
Shot in mistake for game.....	35
Sporting arm defective.....	6
Using sporting arm as a club.....	1

BIRD OR ANIMAL HUNTED

Upland Small Game.....	9	238	247
Deer.....	1	64	65
Bear.....	2	1	3
Woodchuck.....	1	13	14
Others.....	1	1	2

PLACE OF ACCIDENT

Fields.....	84
Brush.....	75
Open Woodland.....	70
Dense Woodland.....	70
Water.....	2
Conveyance.....	5
Camp.....	1
Wood Road or Public Highway.....	24

SAFETY COLOR WORN BY VICTIMS

Fluorescent Orange.....	110
Red.....	96
Yellow.....	11
None.....	114

SUMMARY OF ALL CLASSES OF 1975 HUNTING ACCIDENTS

<u>FATAL</u>	14	<u>NON-FATAL</u>	317	<u>TOTAL</u>	331
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SAFETY COLOR WORN BY VICTIMS SHOT IN MISTAKE FOR GAME

<u>Fluorescent Orange</u>	<u>Yellow</u>	<u>Red</u>	<u>None</u>
0	0	8	27

NOTE: Average years hunting experience per offender -- 14 years. The 1975 hunting season is one of the safest ever recorded. Only one deer fatality occurred--the lowest since 1922. The 14 fatalities are the lowest ever recorded.

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CASUALTY

Fatal	
Self-Inflicted.....	3
Inflicted by others.....	10
Non-Fatal	
Self-Inflicted.....	59
Inflicted by others.....	165

SPORTING ARM USED

Shotgun	F	N-F	
Self-Inflicted.....	2	23	25
Inflicted by others...	1	131	132
Rifle			
Self-Inflicted.....	1	23	24
Inflicted by others...	9	31	40
Revolver			
Self-Inflicted.....	0	13	13
Inflicted by others...	0	2	2
Bow and Arrow			
Self-Inflicted.....	0	0	0
Inflicted by others...	0	1	1

BIRD OR ANIMAL HUNTED

Upland Small Game.....	3	166	169
Deer.....	8	52	60
Bear.....	1	0	1
Woodchuck.....	1	5	6
Others.....	0	1	1

SAFETY COLOR WORN BY VICTIMS

Fluorescent Orange.....	101
Red.....	51
Yellow.....	3
None.....	82

AGES OF VICTIMS

Under 12 years of age.....	4
12 to 15 years of age.....	35
16 to 20 years of age.....	50
21 years of age and over.....	148
Age not reported.....	0

AGES OF PERSONS INFLECTING INJURY

12 to 15 years of age.....	20
16 to 20 years of age.....	33
21 years of age and over.....	82
Age not reported.....	40

CASUALTY CAUSES

Sporting arm dangerous position..	11
Accidental discharge.....	53
Richochet or stray.....	36
Victim in line of fire.....	86
Hunter slipped and/or fell.....	21
Hunter dropped sporting arm.....	5
Shot in mistake for game.....	17
Sporting arm defective.....	4
Using sporting arm as a club.....	1
Unknown.....	3

PLACE OF ACCIDENT

Fields.....	65
Brush.....	44
Open Woodland.....	46
Dense Woodland.....	51
Water.....	1
Conveyance.....	3
Camp.....	2
Wood Road or Public Highway.....	25

SUMMARY OF ALL CLASSES OF 1976 HUNTING ACCIDENTS

<u>FATAL</u>	13	<u>NON-FATAL</u>	224	<u>TOTAL</u>	237
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SAFETY COLOR WORN BY VICTIMS SHOT IN MISTAKE FOR GAME

<u>Fluorescent Orange</u>	<u>Yellow</u>	<u>Red</u>	<u>None</u>
0	0	0	17

NOTE: Average years hunting experience per offender -- 11 years. The 1976 hunting season is one of the safest ever recorded. The 13 fatalities are the lowest ever recorded.

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CASUALTY

Fatal	
Self-Inflicted.....	3
Inflicted by others.....	7
Non-Fatal	
Self-Inflicted.....	55
Inflicted by others.....	182

SPORTING ARM USED

	F	N-F	
Shotgun			
Self-Inflicted.....	0	12	12
Inflicted by others...	2	152	154
Rifle			
Self-Inflicted.....	3	33	36
Inflicted by others...	5	29	34
Revolver			
Self-Inflicted.....	0	10	10
Inflicted by others...	0	0	0
Bow and Arrow			
Self-Inflicted.....	0	0	0
Inflicted by others...	0	1	1

BIRD OR ANIMAL HUNTED

Upland Small Game.....	3	176	179
Deer.....	5	50	55
Bear.....	0	0	0
Woodchuck.....	1	9	10
Others.....	1	2	3

SAFETY COLOR WORN BY VICTIMS
MISTAKEN FOR GAME

Fluorescent Orange.....	0
Red.....	5
Yellow.....	0
None.....	20

AGES OF VICTIMS

Under 12 years of age.....	8
12 to 15 years of age.....	34
16 to 20 years of age.....	50
21 years of age and over.....	154
Age not reported.....	1

AGES OF PERSONS INFLICTING INJURY

12 to 15 years of age.....	16
16 to 20 years of age.....	38
21 years of age and over.....	91
Age not reported.....	44

CASUALTY CAUSES

Sporting arm dangerous position..	15
Accidental discharge.....	57
Richochet or stray.....	23
Victim in line of fire.....	111
Hunter slipped and/or fell.....	11
Hunter dropped sporting arm.....	1
Shot in mistake for game.....	25
Sporting arm defective.....	4
Using sporting arm as a club.....	0
Unknown.....	0

PLACE OF ACCIDENT

Fields.....	65
Brush.....	64
Open Woodland.....	50
Dense Woodland.....	50
Water.....	0
Conveyance.....	1
Camp.....	1
Wood Road or Public Highway.....	16

SUMMARY OF ALL CLASSES OF 1977 HUNTING ACCIDENTS

<u>FATAL</u>	10	<u>NON-FATAL</u>	237	<u>TOTAL</u>	247
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NOTE: Average years hunting experience per offender -- 12 years. The 10 fatalities are the lowest ever recorded.

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CASUALTY

Fatal	
Self-Inflicted.....	2
Inflicted by others.....	15
Non-Fatal	
Self-Inflicted.....	52
Inflicted by others.....	140

AGES OF VICTIMS

Under 12 years of age.....	6
12 to 15 years of age.....	29
16 to 20 years of age.....	29
21 years of age and over.....	144
Age not reported.....	1

SPORTING ARM USED

Shotgun	F	N-F	T
Self-Inflicted.....	1	28	29
Inflicted by others...	4	112	116
Rifle			
Self-Inflicted.....	1	17	18
Inflicted by others...	11	26	37
Revolver			
Self-Inflicted.....	0	7	7
Inflicted by others...	0	1	1
Bow and Arrow			
Self-Inflicted.....	0	0	0
Inflicted by others...	0	1	1

AGES OF PERSONS INFLICTING INJURY

12 to 15 years of age.....	25
16 to 20 years of age.....	20
21 years of age and over.....	70
Age not reported.....	40

CASUALTY CAUSES

Sporting arm dangerous position..	13
Accidental discharge.....	38
Richochet shot or arrow.....	12
Stray shot or arrow.....	16
Victim in line of fire.....	73
Hunter slipped and/or fell.....	22
Hunter dropped sporting arm.....	3
Shot in mistake for game.....	28
Sporting arm defective.....	3
Using sporting arm as a club.....	1
Unknown.....	0

BIRD OR ANIMAL HUNTED

Upland Small Game.....	9	148	157
Deer.....	6	35	41
Bear.....	0	0	0
Woodchuck.....	2	8	10
Others.....	0	1	1

PLACE OF ACCIDENT

Fields.....	44
Brush.....	51
Open Woodland.....	42
Dense Woodland.....	43
Water.....	6
Conveyance.....	2
Camp.....	0
Wood Road or Public Highway.....	21

SAFETY COLOR WORN BY VICTIM
MISTAKEN FOR GAME

Fluorescent Orange.....	0
Red.....	7
Yellow.....	0
None.....	21

SUMMARY OF ALL CLASSES OF 1978 HUNTING ACCIDENTS

<u>FATAL</u>	17	<u>NON-FATAL</u>	192	<u>TOTAL</u>	209
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NOTE: Average years hunting experience per offender -- 11 years.

